

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The

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A Message from your Wardens



As we journey through Lent, the snows are beginning to melt and Spring is in the air, finally. It is wonderful to think about this rebirth that culminates in our celebration of Easter. We started Lent with our Ash Wednesday service and the imposition of ashes. Other landmarks on our journey are **Palm Sunday**, with the Reading of the Passion by the Vestry at the 10 a.m. service; **Maundy Thursday, 7:00**, with the stripping of the altar, followed by night watch; **Good Friday, 12 noon** with the Singing of the Passion; and then, finally, **Easter Sunday**. St. Paul's will celebrate Easter with services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.



HAPPY EASTER! Barbara Rawls has again offered to take names of those whom you wish remembered at Eastertide. Please send her names by April 13, either by email at barbara.rawls2@verizon.net, or phone 635-8517.

March was an active month here at St. Paul's. Our **St. Patrick's Dinner and auction** was a huge success. Many thanks to Kay Mackey for making it all come together. The food was delicious, the tables beautiful and the auction profitable. We even had live music!

Johanna Shafer and Margaret Dietsche together gave a very interesting presentation on the **Global Women's Fund**, a project of the Diocese of NY to help educate women in countries where opportunities are somewhat limited. (see page 3)

Our **Carpenter's Kids** program has exceeded our goal of raising money for 29 elementary school children. Thanks to wonderful generosity, we will be able to support the 29 children and also donate to the secondary education program. This is a real tribute to our church.

The **Adams Gift Card fundraiser** has taken off like gangbusters! We have had to reorder the cards several times. Do continue to support this program, by buying cards from Debby Glynn after the 8 a.m. service and Sandy House at coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service.



Sunday Services

*Holy
Eucharist*

8AM-Rite I

*10AM-Rite II
With music*

*9:45AM– Sunday
School/ Infant and
child care*

*Coffee hour
Follows the
10AM service*

*Evening Prayer
6 PM Fridays*

We welcome our **Indaba friends from Holy Apostles in Manhattan** and **Grace Church Hastings on Hudson**. They will be with us April 5 and 6, worshipping with us Sunday at 10. We will have an opportunity to talk with them at Coffee Hour before they go into their final meeting of the weekend.

I will finish by reminding you all of two **Lenten study** opportunities: the first on Sundays after coffee hour, where the group discusses Forward Day by Day, and the second on Tuesdays at 12:30, where we are reading Father Shafer's book Old Values for a New Generation. Both programs take place in the Parish Hall. All are welcome—no prior participation necessary.

Debby Glynn, Warden



Irish Dinner & Auction results

Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved as well as the participation by our parishioners and people of our community this event was a complete success both fiscally and socially.

The dinner made \$1539.56 which is much more than previous years. The auction made \$524. with a few more items to be picked up by the bidders. The total this year (so far) is \$2063.56. We fed approximately 145 which includes 100 seniors.

We thank those who donated items and made gift baskets for our Silent Auction and the community businesses who also donated gifts and gift cards.

A list is posted in the parish hall that includes the names of those who were actively involved in the event. Comments were made as to the cheerful attitude of all involved. It is wonderful when our fundraisers actually become fundraisers. A huge THANK YOU to all involved.

*Chairpersons,
Kay Mackey & Teri Ghee*



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS & SHRUBS– for the May 9& 10th Annual Mother's Day Sale

THINK SPRING



You may think it is too early to think about our gardens- however if anyone wants specific annuals from Adams or shrubs from Bilmar please contact Barbara Rawls as soon as possible so she can get the orders in. Have faith, Spring will come!



Barbara Rawls- 635-8717 or
Barbara.rawls2@verizon.net

IMPORTANT UPDATES

It is St. Paul's turn to host the **Indaba group** for the third of our weekends. Members from The Holy Apostles, Manhattan and Grace Church, Hastings on Hudson will be here from late **Saturday morning through early Sunday afternoon, April 5-6**. The goal is to give them a feel for how we live our lives as members of the Episcopal Church here in Pleasant Valley. Parish members will have the opportunity to talk with our visitors at the PV Fire House pancake breakfast or coffee hour on Sunday morning.

Indaba means a coming together for meaningful discussion of a serious issue. We have certainly done that and hope for more conversation this time. Our serious issue is where and how we see ourselves as the future unfolds in the Episcopal church. So far we have learned that all three churches have common goals if very different delivery systems for outreach and participating in our local communities. What seems to differ is the rhythm. As expected, Holy Apostles is fast paced and very big city while Grace Church is suburban but with a river town flavor. St. Paul's, I believe, will come off as rural with the strong influence provided by easy access to NYC and a large number of quality local colleges.

The Death of Bishop Mdimi Mhogolo

March 26, 2014- excerpt from the Diocese of NY web site- "We mourn the passing of Bishop Mdimi Mhogolo of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika in Tanzania our diocese long time partner in the Carpenter's Kids program." A copy of Bishop Dietsche's letter can be found on the web site @ diocesenyny.org. Copies of the Bishop's letter are in your 3/30 bulletin and posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

REMODELING OF BATHROOM IN CHURCH UNDERCROFT

Excellent progress is being made on this project. Forgive the dust and see for yourself. It will be completed before Easter- "oh ye of little faith".

ST. PAUL'S WEBSITE

Please go to our website at www.stpaulspv.org to see the updating of the website that has been done by a friend of St. Paul's. Click on the headings and follow the drop downs. The monthly Who Does What and The Epistle, (in full color) will be on the website as soon as possible. The calendar will be updated monthly. We will be updating our photo album soon. A wonderful way for those with computers to stay in touch. Copies of important news as well as photos will be posted in the parish hall for those who prefer to get their news in that manner.

A BLESSED EASTER AND HAPPY SPRING TO ALL



**St. Paul's Episcopal
Church is a Christian
family of caring
people who strive to
support and nurture
each other and
their community
through faith and the
grace of God.**



Plan to support this youth mission

On Sunday, May 4th after the 10 o'clock service, the St. Paul's youth will be hosting a brunch to raise funds for **Sparrow's Nest**, a local 501 © 3 charity that provides and delivers meals to families of mothers who have cancer in the Hudson Valley area. Sparrows Nest founder, Krista Jones, has been cooking meals for 27 families. Currently the foundation is trying to raise \$40,000 to build a board of health approved cooking facility. For more information view the website,

www.sparrowsnestcharity.com

The menu will consist of but not limited to, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fruit, turkey, ham and other surprises. There will be coffee, tea and juice.

Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available each Sunday beginning April 6th. If you wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to Sparrows Nest, place them in the collection plate or find Anna DeMarco.

We are looking for the following items to be donated:

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Heavy Duty Plates

Pancake Mix, Syrup, Orange Juice, Coffee, Half & Half, Butter

Contact Nancy Adams @ 635-1448 or
NADAM@hvc.rr.com

Tell her if you are able to donate any of these goods or if you have a specific contact that may be willing to donate them. The youth of St. Paul's and their parents thank you for your support.

Next meeting dates for the youth and parents are Sunday 4/6 and 4/13 after 10

March 15– May 10th– Mountain Bike Raffle.

Make the most of our beautiful countryside! Take it all in on a new Mountain Bike! Enter to win by buying a ticket-\$1. each or 6 for \$5. The raffle goes from the Irish Dinner to the Mother's Day Sales. Proceeds will be used to start our special mission/outreach fund. See Nancy Lutz or Barbara Rawls for tickets at coffee hour each Sunday.

Thanks to Gene & Candy Reed for donating the bike to St. Paul's. Thanks and Good Luck to all who buy tickets.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1. Liz Whitman
3. Irene Keenan
Paige Evans
4. Jeffrey Macak
Mara Blatz
Dylan Howell
6. Candy Olson
Alexandra Sprauer
Olivia Evans
7. Gerald Ottaway
Melissa Wagner
8. Gretchen Kirchner
10. Daniel Olson
12. Jacob House
Katherine Cavaliere
15. John Baluzu
16. Scott Lowe
17. Laura Towers
Morgan Blatz
18. Corey Hixson
19. Nancy Lutz
Connor Blatz
20. Jennifer Kirchner
Karen Caferra
22. Patricia Gerety
27. Steven Sprauer

WORDS OF WISDOM



UPCOMING EVENTS

The April 5th Altar Guild training and refresher course has been postponed.

April 5&6– The members of the Indaba group from our sister parishes will be at St. Paul's this weekend.

April 6th– The Indaba participants will worship with us and join everyone at the meet and greet coffee hour following the 10 a.m. Worship service. Don't miss this time of fellowship.

Beginning of ticket sales for "Sparrow's Nest" benefit brunch. (see page 4 for details)

April 14th– 7 p.m. Vestry Meeting-Committees meet @ 6:30

April 13-20– HOLY WEEK

April 13th– Palm Sunday– 8 and 10 a.m. services.

At the 10 a.m. service– We will gather at the parish hall and go into church in procession carrying branches of palms and singing. The Passion Gospel will be read by members of the vestry.

April 15th– @ 6 p.m. Evening Prayer .

April 17th– @ 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

The service will culminate with the stripping of the Altar by the Altar Guild. NIGHT WATCH will begin when the service concludes. Sign up sheets will be in the Church vestibule.

April 18th @ Noon- Good Friday worship service with singing of the Passion Gospel

6 p.m. Community "Stations of the Cross", starting at the Presbyterian Church.

April 20th– 6:30 a.m.– Community EASTER sunrise service at at the Mill Park.

EASTER at St. Paul's- 8 a.m. Rite I & 10 a.m. Rite II with music

April 27th– During the 10 a.m. worship service there will be a BAPTISM of Logan Ryan Harp, son of Jay & Mandy Harp grandson of Daniel and Candy Olson.

